

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stockton, CA**

February 15, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST BY EARL MOTT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

As God's family through Jesus Christ, we seek:

- *to know God through prayer, worship, and Bible study*
- *to be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit*
- *to share God's love with each other, our community, and the world*

~GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD~

PRELUDE **Tommaso Giordani: Caro mio ben** **DIEGO BUSTAMANTE**

(All are invited to enjoy the Prelude as part of our worship service. We request that voices are kept to a whisper to allow for a meditative atmosphere.)

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

Rev. Ashley L. Skrabec

Call To Worship

One: Grace and peace are yours in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: We are all welcome here because God welcomes us first. Holy Spirit, knit us together in love.

One: Through all of the joys and the sorrows of life this truth remains:

All: God, who was and is and ever will be, has made a way for us out of sin, despair and isolation into wholeness and hope.

One: Come, let us wake up our spirits to sing our wonder and praise.

OPENING HYMN **ALL OUR HOPE**

(All are invited to stand in body or spirit.)

Chorus: God of love, inspire us. Move us if we stay
 God of hope, keep showing us. The life, the truth, the way

Verse 1: There is hope for us, the imperfect ones. From a God who loves and draws us in. There is life over death, there is new born breath. Resurrection pow'r that lives within. All our hope, all our hope is them.

Verse 2: There's an open door for the weak and poor. All the lost and broken hearts who gather here. By a father's strength and a mother's grace.
All will find their way past shame and fear
All our peace, all our peace is here **Chorus**

Verse 3: There's a holy breath working through our mess. All our wrongs cannot restrain the life it gives. There is hope of grace, new with every day.
Sin is lost where love is found and darkness ends. God gave life so that we may live. **Chorus**

Call to Reconciliation

Carol Dietrich

One: Beloved of God, let us bring our whole selves into the light of God's love, knowing it is for our forgiveness and restoration that Jesus Christ laid down his life.

All: **Creative and loving God, you have searched us and known us and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have put up walls between ourselves and you, closing our hearts to your gifts and calls to faithfulness. We put up walls between each other, allowing differences, discomfort, and defensiveness to justify hatred and dismissal of our neighbors. Jesus, help us to see ourselves and each other as you see us, and to take your hand as we trust you to lead on the road laid before us. Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

(This single minute of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Carol Dietrich

One: Let us lift our heads and release our clenched hands. The God who came to be with us in Jesus Christ will surely not abandon us or turn us away.

All: **Let us believe the good news of God's grace! We are forgiven and free!**

Passing of the Peace

Carol Dietrich

One: Let there not be strangers here, but friends and fellow travelers joined together by the God who knows each of us by name. May the peace of Jesus Christ our Messiah be with you all.

All: **And also with you**

One: Amen. What a gift it is to be together today. Let us greet each other with joy!

Children's Message and Blessing

Rev. Ashley L. Skrabec

Sunday School is provided for children in preschool through 5th grade. All kids in this age range are invited to come up for the Children's Message and to follow Miss Melanie after the blessing.

Song of Preparation Light Dawns on a Weary World #79 vs. 1-2

Verse 1. Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led
forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes *shalom*.

Verse 2. Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are
fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain**

~Hearing God's Word~

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD Carol Dietrich

One: Holy Spirit, thank you for your word. Open our hearts and minds to hear what
you are saying to us today.

Reading from the Early Church 1 Corinthians 3:1-13 Carol Dietrich

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Reading from the Gospels Matthew 17-1-9 Rev. Ashley L. Skrabec

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon Transfiguration: Seeds of Understanding

Prayer Song Be Thou My Vision #450

Verse 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of
my power.

Verse 3: Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou
and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Verse 4: High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Joys and Concerns

LORD'S PRAYER (Please feel free to pray the words below or use the language of your heart.)

Our parent who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

~GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD~

Sending Hymn

How Great Thou Art

#625 vs. 1,3,4

(All are invited to stand in body or spirit.)

Verse 1: O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art!
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How great thou are! How great thou art!

Verse 3: And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

Refrain

Verse 4: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Rev. Ashley L. Skrabec

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Meredith Willson: Till There Was You, from The Music Man

DIEGO BUSTAMANTE

(All are invited to enjoy the Postlude as part of our worship service. If you choose to leave during the Postlude, please do so silently.)

Church Meetings

This week:

Monday - Feb. 16, 2026

7:00pm Weekly Prayer Meeting on

Zoom: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/83626879321>

Meeting ID: 836-2687-9321

Tuesday - Feb. 17, 2026

10:00am - Hospitality Meeting

2:00pm - FB&G Meeting

Wednesday - Feb. 18, 2026

12:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday - Feb. 19, 2026

10:00pm - Bible Study (Geneva Room)

Important Dates for February:

Feb. 23 - Session at 10:30am

Feb. 25 - Food Pantry Distribution

Coffee hour and Potluck Schedule

(set up, clean up)

Hospitality after Worship fellowship schedule

February 1 - Tola, Marilyn Franklin

February 8 - Carol, Marilyn Franklin

February 15 - Jane / Gretchen

February 22 - Jane/ Marilyn Franklin

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 1 - Gail Herron

February 8 - Bill Alessio

February 15 - Carol Dietrich

February 22 - Kimberlee Roider

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

February 1 - Melanie

February 8 - Melanie

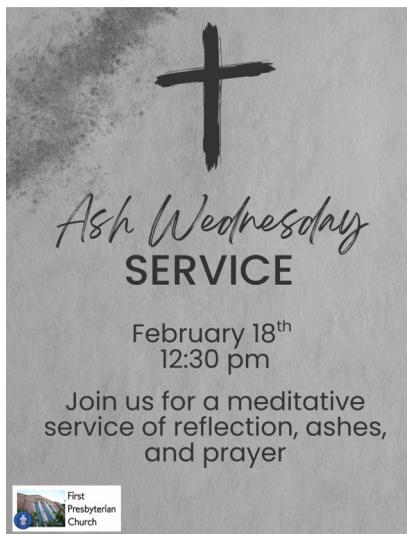
February 15 - Melanie / Autumn Alessio

February 22 - Melanie/ Kimberlee Roider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour this Sunday.



Family Promise

March 1-14, 2026

REQUESTED PRAYERS

The Church Office and members of the church receive several prayer requests each week.

Please pray for:

- Shalise requests prayer for her son, for the communication between employees and managers at her job, and for her house as they welcome two new ladies.
- Sheryl requests prayers for her partner Lee as he faces medical challenges.
- Prayers for Cheryl Hunt's brother, Kevin, who has been hospitalized with a serious condition .
- We pray for people working for justice and peace in Minnesota, and for those who are grieving and scared and in harm's way. May safety, belonging, and dignity for each person in be established on earth as it is in heaven, especially for those most vulnerable.
- Radi asked for continued prayers for her son Sid. She also shared a joy that her granddaughter, Marcia just graduated from the nursing program while serving in the U S Airforce, and asked for prayers for a successful and rewarding life for her.
- Mara requested prayers for reconciliation for Stockton's mayor and city manager
- Pastor Ashley asked for prayers of protection and peace for people of Sudan and all over the world where there is violence and injustice.
- Shalise asked for prayers for all those affected by the ICE campaign and to put an end to unjust practice.
- We pray for all those who are on H1B visas and their families as they are shaken by potential changes to their immigration status.
- Pastor also asked for prayers for our country and it's leaders, asking for peace and justice for all during this turbulent and difficult time in our country and our world.
- Pastor Ashley requests prayer for all asylum-seekers and immigrants who are living in fear and for all who have been detained or deported without due process.
- If you have a prayer request, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Ashley. Joys and concerns are added to the prayer list of the people who have signed up to be members of the WE CARE PRAYER TEAM. If you would like to be a part of the WE CARE PRAYER TEAM, contact Cheryl Hunt or call the Church Office.



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Gretchen Louden, Sylvia Cavanaugh, Cheryl Hunt, Janet Sepiol, and Jane Knoop

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Nominating - Jane Knoop

Hospitality - Cheryl Hunt and Sylvia Cavanaugh

Personnel - Janet Sepiol

Clerk of Session - Janet Sepiol

Pastor - Rev. Ashley Love Skrabec

Ministers—all the members of the church

First Presbyterian Church is committed to loving and serving all people, including those from diverse generations, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and life experiences. Whatever your story, you are welcomed by Jesus Christ and by this church family.

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